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TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

At the TARC Christmas party . . . did anyone notice Santa's south of the border accent? We all were happy to have Santa stop by with gifts and that jolly HO HO HO.

As you know, Pike volunteered to be chairman of this years party, and just as he and Clara were getting things rolling - BINGO - Pike was sidelined, and required the services of the fine staff at ORMC. One would think that Pike's surgery would put a halt to party preparations. Not so! Clara took the ball and thanks to her experience and determination, we had a wonderful party. This gathering was the largest ever for TARC members and friends to celebrate the season's event.

In addition to wishing Pike a speedy recovery we have Morgan K4GEA, and others who were unable to attend. We missed you and want you to know our thoughts are with you.

I sincerely thank the outgoing officers and board members for their super achievements, and for making the club continue to grow. We will continue to call upon your expertise.

Sherry and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 73's

EDITOR'S DESK

By Clyde Lee K4EOS

During my several years association with TARC, I have seen the club grow in membership and also enthusiasm for Ham Radio. We have many new members, while retaining many old ones.

Becky and I have enjoyed doing the newsletter for the past few months. In upcoming issues we want news of what our club members are doing that would be of interest to our readers. Starting in January, in this space each month we will profile new 1993 members, and acknowledge old members who have reinvested in TARC.

Please keep those articles coming!! The deadline each month is the 12th. If it is not convenient to hand deliver your article, just mail it to TARC, Box 73, Titusville 32780.

THE TARC MOURNS ITS RECENT SILENT KEYS. WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES. WE SHALL MISS THEM.

BOB SCERRATO W2NCF, PASSED AWAY IN NEW JERSEY IN NOVEMBER.

FONSO MORGAN K4GEA, PASSED AWAY IN DECEMBER AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

MOTORCYCLE RACE
By Bud Hughes K4cwg

On November 1, 1992, the TARC was requested by the Apolo Motorcycle Club to provide communications for the Enduro Motorcycle Race held at the Russell Ranch near Osteen. Mitch AF4N and Wes AC4WM were the chairman and cochairman for TARC support. We had 15-20 attendees at the race, and appreciate all the help. Thanks, guys.

Before the race, I thought the phrase "Mud slinging" had to do with verbal and/or written bad mouthing. Now mud slinging has a new profound meaning.

There were hundreds of off road motorcycles of various classes all shined and polished - - - at the beginning. But boy! after plowing through the mud holes, creek beds, snake pits and the like, you would never recognize either the rider or the bike he was riding.

In addition to the fun we had towing motorcycles and vehicles out of mud holes, we were entertained by a coral snake which KC4UFI captured after KB4RBU left a mark or two on or near the neck and shoulders of said snake.

After the race AC4WM escorted us to his hunting lodge which was about 5 miles down the road from the Russell Ranch. Mitch has offered the lodge as a retreat for the club to spend an evening and enjoy a cookout.

It is my understanding that to this day Carl KD4CBT has not washed the trophy (mud) off his 4 wheel drive truck.

UNKNOWNS
By Norm (who else?) AA4FY

NORAD reports sightings of authoritive force-capability, indicated in the visible by colored glitters, red-nose leading edge, moving in eratic and random motion, predominant altitude approximately 1000 miles, over true north, observations show movements of short duration dips to the earth and of repeating, ever increasing cyclic lobes extending deeper toward the contiguous states. Present emphemeras prognostications plot vast sweeps of the phenomenon throughout all U.S. territories during wee hours of 1992Julian 359. Safety is unimpeded. No subsequent advisories.

RACES COUNCIL MINUTES - 11/10/92
By E. Baldini K4RBD, Secretary

Presiding: President. Present: Sec., EM, TO, RO, all Club Reps except LISATS.
EM will provide up to 100 hard hats. TO will draw as required. President advised that the Fast Action Support Teams (FAST) have nine commitments to date::

Team A: K4RBD, W6THC, W4DXZ, & K8HRR (RV w/HF, VHF, UHF, Packet, ATV)
Team B: W4BAL, K8UYU, & KA4VYH (Eqpt list not prepared yet)
Team C: WA8BAP, KA8HHA, & KC4PWT (RV w/HF, VHF, Packet)

President appointed Nominating Committee of Les Griner, John Williams and Jack Elliott. RO reported repeater cavities are not replaced, and W4PRK will program 911 autopatch. TO reported lst five topics chosen. First is EM and RACES organization. President stated Auxiliary member idea approved and a stamp on badges will be the designator. Bob Bodine volunteered to rerig HF antenna, and reported on Micco equipment status. RO discussed cavity provided by EM. The Brevard Packet Group was accepted by the Council as a member. Rep is Carl Zelich AA4MI. BPG rep offered info on Orange County RACES/ARES, and ARRL/ARES Jump Team info - both received on packet. RACES packet (WD4NQK-10 is Mailbox) will now be on 145.07 MHz. HARC rep reminded Council it needs to get PCARS Molex connector pin and sex data. Bodine will obtain. PCARS rep reported anRFI problem on 146.85 repeater, now in work. President discussed support of Coastal Ambulance communications. EM stated that it was permissible when Coastal was operating in County support. TARC rep reported that 146.97 is being installed on top of Titusville Towers. TO took survey of intended attendees for training class. 26 were in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Walt KC4VVG

Beginning Bal	**$811.73**
Income: Dues,Donations,50/50,coffee	**439.60**
Balance before expenses	**$1251.33**
Expenses: Postage,Bud, Tel. FTA,off. supplies, serv.chg.	**239.30**
Balance as at 12/10/92	**$1012.03**
Bud Hughes Loan Balance	**892.00**
Payment 12/04/92	**- 100.00**
Balance as of 12/10/92	**$792.00**

TARC MEETING - 11/24/92
By Jerry KC4YDP

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Bud K4CWG. The main event of the meeting was the election of new officers. Dave WB4SIG gave a report on the 97 and 440 machine and the status of the ACC-RC96 repeater controller. Carl AA4MI reported the latest news from ARRL. Bud K4CWG was presented an award for coming in first place at the fox hunt held the previous Sunday. There was discussion concerning the purchase of club vests. Wes AF4N suggested the club purchase a group of vests for club activities. It was decided that the executive committee will review the vests and prices, and make a proposal to the club. The elections were held and the results are as follows:

President	Bud Hughes	K4CWG
Vice President	Cliff Hoag	KC4SYD
Treasurer	Clyde Lee	K4EOS
Secretary	Jerry Russell	KC4UFI
Board Member	Wes Whitley	AF4N
Board Member	Jose Ramos	KC4VIO
Board Member	Mike Cavalera	WB2MLY
Rep. Custodian	Les Griner	K4BJC
Rep. Custodian	Jerry Russell	KC4UFI
Rep. Custodian	Dave McLean	WB4SIG
Rep. Custodian	Larry Carr	WB9MFJ

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m..

CHRISTMAS PARADE - 12/05/92

BY Cliff KC4SYD

"Neither wind nor rain nor dark of night shall stay these couriers from their appointed..... "talk". And thus the 1992 Titusville Jaycees Christmas Parade was assisted by twenty HARDY (har har) TARC hams, handpicked for their expertise in crowd control and general favorable deportment. The WX (rain) left a bit to be desired early in the parade formation. However, at parade time (?) the moon shone brightly. Once all entrants had found their proper place the parade got underway. 127 (give or take a few) floats heated north on Washington to bring the spirit of Christmas to thousands of little folk (and big folk, too).

A great big "thank you" is due to all the dedicated Jaycees and TARC members who participated in the parade activities. We understand the Jaycees have video-taped the parade for those of us who have never seen a parade. Therefore, for historical purposes we thank the following for their efforts in the success of the annual Titusville Christmas Parade.

Bud	K4CWG	Mike	KB2MLY	Les	K4SJC
Lew	N2CTQ	Lloyd	KA4LTK	Jack	NotYet
Ozzie	N4SCY	Renaldo	KD4SRN	Neil	W4GMW
Tom	KD4TLT	Gene	KC4TE	Mitch	AC4WM
Pat	KQ4CY	Ken	KD4HNW	Jim	N4ZNQ
Jose	KC4VIO	Carole	KC4VIN	Jesse	KC4ZBC

FCC UPDATE
From 11/ 92 MOBILE RADIO TECHNOLOGY

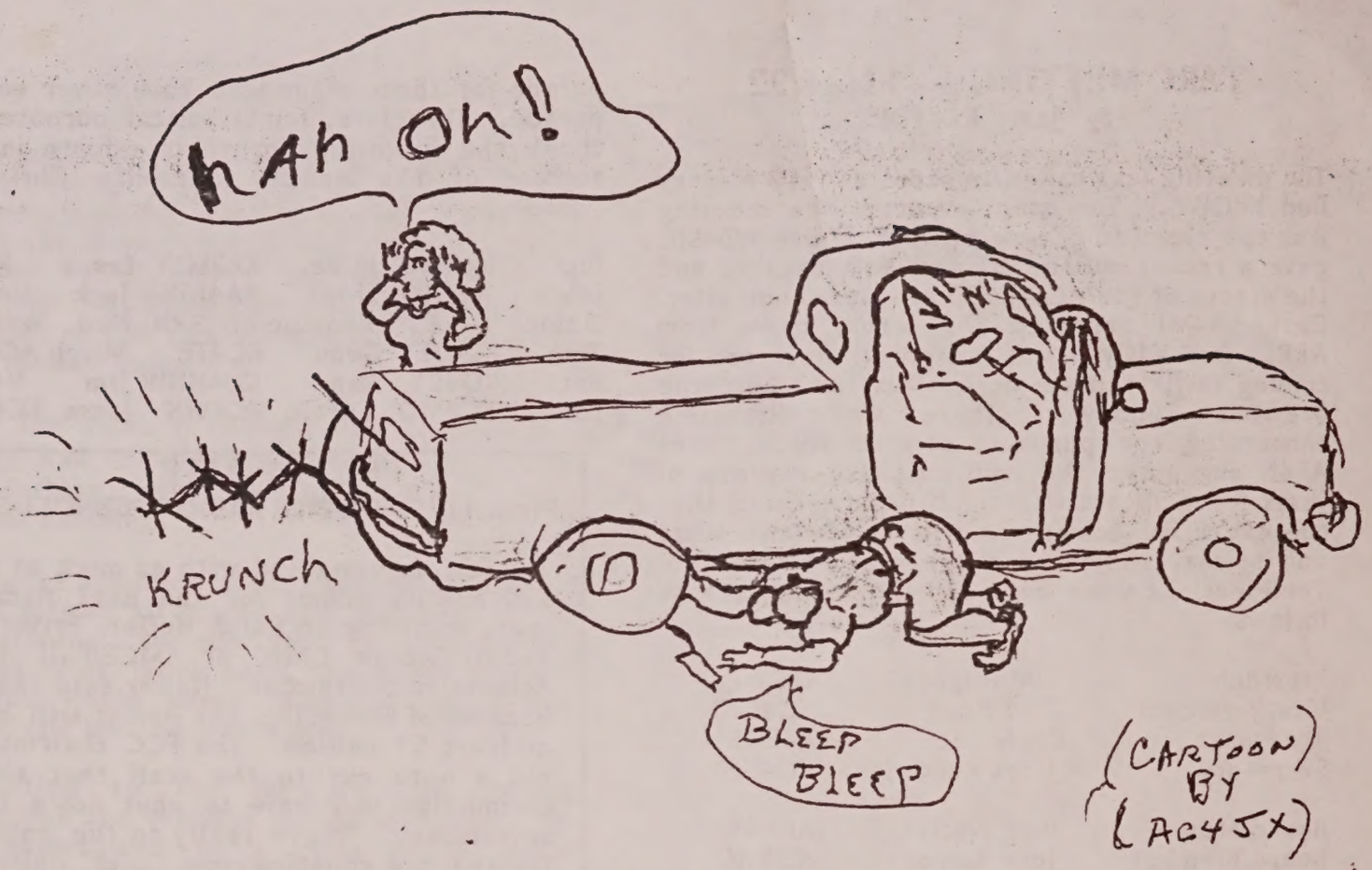
The FCC may contend with as much as a $20 million deficit for the next fiscal year, according to Ralph Heller, Private Radio Bureau Chief at IMCE/Fall in Atlanta in September. Haller said that because of budgeting, the deficit will be at least $7 million. The FCC chairman put a note out to the staff that the commission may have to shut down to save money. "We're really to the point that we are counting copy paper" Haller said of the budget. "Look for strange things to come out of the FCC". Haller expects seven to 14 furlough days where the commission could be closed in light of its budget. If this happens, licenses could be delayed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Indian River Amateur Radio Club announces that beginning January 25, at 6:00 p.m. at Cocoa Beach High School, Room D121. 3 hour training sessions on FCC laws and Electronics theory for novice and technician licenses, including no code license, will be taught by Dick Weller WN4K and Doug Farnsworth N4MPD. The course is free except for a book that is to be purchased and kept by the participant. For more information call 777-1567.

FROM ACTUAL ACCIDENT FORMS
From the TORONTO 7/26/77

The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.
I was thrown from my car as I left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.
The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.



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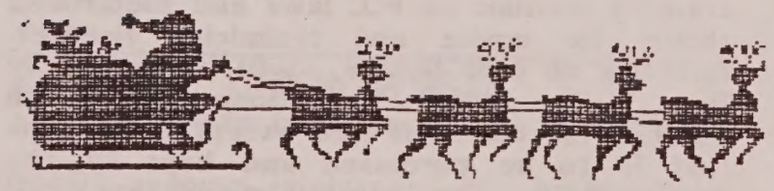

Merry Christmas !!!